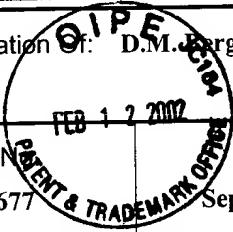


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
**P-4579**

In Re Application of: **D.M. Berger et al.**



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**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of **August 20, 2001** above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month  Two months  Three months  Four months  Five months

from: **November 20, 2001** until: **February 20, 2002**  
*Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$920** and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **02-1666**  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1666**  
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*Bruce S. Weintraub*  
**Signature**

Dated: **January 31, 2002**

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